

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The claims are 1-9.

Claim 1 (canceled)

claim 9
~~Claim 1~~ (reinstated - formerly claim 9): A thatched umbrella which is openable and closeable, which umbrella comprises:

(a) a continuously woven one-piece circular thatch, prepared on a jig having a plurality of spaced radii, each of which radii has a series of uniformly spaced guide pins along the length thereof, which guide pins serve to retain the thatch material in place during the course of the circular weaving,

(b) an umbrella frame having a series of ribs, each of which is interconnected to a strut, each of which struts is interconnected to a hub, said hub disposed upon a pole,

(c) an umbrella canopy, having an exterior surface, overlaying and connected to said frame,

said continuously woven one-piece circular thatch being disposed upon said canopy's exterior surface, and being connected to said frame's ribs through said canopy, and

(d) means for opening and closing said frame disposed on said pole.

Claim 2 (previously amended): The device of claim 1 wherein the continuously woven one-piece circular thatch is configured as an annulus.

Claim 3 (previously amended): The device of claim 1 wherein the continuously woven one-piece circular thatch is configured as a disk.

Claim 4 (original): The device of claim 1 wherein the canopy is selected from a fabric member selected from the group consisting of acrylic, polyester, nylon, cotton and canvas.

Claim 5 (original): The device of claim 1 wherein the woven thatch is connected to the umbrella frame by a series of spaced screws.

Claim 6 (original): The device of claim 1 further including a finial disposed on said pole.

Claim 7 (original): The device of claim 2 further including a finial disposed on said pole.

Claim 8 (canceled)

claim 10
~~(Claim 8)~~ (reinstated - formerly claim 10): The thatched umbrella of claim 1 wherein the umbrella canopy is made of acrylic fabric, the circular one-piece woven thatch is configured as an annulus, and a finial is disposed on the pole.

claim 11
~~Claim 9~~ (currently amended): A thatched umbrella which is openable and closable on demand, which umbrella comprises;

(a) a continuously woven one-piece circular thatch configured as an annulus having a

1 central opening.

2 (b) an umbrella frame having a series of radii, each of which is interconnected to a strut,
3 each of which struts is interconnected to a hub, said hub disposed upon a pole, said pole having
4 means for receiving a finial;

5 (c) an umbrella fabric canopy having an exterior surface and an interior surface, the
6 interior surface overlaying said frame, and the canopy being connected to said frame, said
7 continuously woven one piece circular thatch being disposed upon said canopy's exterior surface,
8 with the central opening of the annulus being disposed over the means for receiving a finial;

9 (d) means for opening ~~along~~ and closing said frame ~~said frame~~ disposed in said pole, and

10 (e) a finial disposed on the top of said ~~pole~~ pole's finial receiving means overlying said
11 central annulus of said thatch.